

METHOD TO REMOTELY QUERY, SAFELY MEASURE, AND SECURELY COMMUNICATE CONFIGURATION INFORMATION OF A NETWORKED COMPUTATIONAL DEVICE

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Abstract of WO03019330

The invention disclosed herein enables a collection of computers and associated communications infrastructure to offer a new communications process which allows a requestor to receive configuration information of a computational device from a responder. The requestor first sends query documents that contain queries for configuration information of a computational device to the responder; the responder automatically collects the answers for the queries and sends a response document that contains the configuration information of the computational device to the requestor. The queries are written in a formal descriptive language which is transparent, safe for network evaluation, and extensible, and the configuration reader of the responder can parse the queries and automatically invoke a set of standard inspectors to obtain the corresponding configuration information.

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